

REMARKS

Election of Species Requirement

In the Election of Species requirement mailed August 25, 2006, the Examiner is requiring Applicants to elect a single species from the: “(1) species of botanical and (2) species of degradation products.”

For the purposes of initiating prosecution with respect to this application, Applicants elect the following species with respect to (1), above: *Echinacea*.

Applicants elect the following species with respect to (2), above: *Echinacea*.

This election is without traverse.

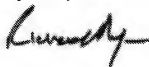
The Requirement also required a listing of claims readable on the elected species. Each pending claim, whether on its own or through a base claim, is readable on an *Echinacea* species.

With respect to the Election of Species requirement, Applicants understand that if no relevant prior art is found with respect to the elected species, the search will be expanded non-elected species. Applicants further understand that if no applicable prior art is discovered, the entire genus will be searched and examined.

From the foregoing, this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this election or the Application in general, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Myers, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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